

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1936 – SB 2588

March 16, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the District Attorney General of each judicial district to establish an Adult Protective Investigative Team (APIT) in order to coordinate the investigation of suspected instances and coordinate responses to suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult.

The APIT will consist of representatives of the District Attorney General, local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Adult Protective Services, the Aging Commission of the Mid-South, nonprofit organizations that provide victim services or adult care services, providers of medical, legal, or housing services or facilities to adult victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and any other entity which the District Attorney General determines necessary.

Each APIT is required to meet quarterly, investigate all instances of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult based on reports or concerns raised by potential victim, third parties or by members of the APIT's represented agencies, organizations or entities, and to adhere to standards, definitions, investigative methods, procedures, and remedial courses of action. Requires, by March 15 of each year, each District Attorney General to file a report with the DHS that summarizes the work of the APIT for the previous calendar year. Provides protection from any civil or criminal liability of any person participating in good faith in any action or omission authorized or required of the APIT.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,500

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014265): Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the District Attorney General of each judicial district to establish, by January 1, 2017, a Vulnerable Adult Protective Investigative Team (VAPIT) in order to coordinate the investigation of suspected instances and coordinate responses to suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult.

The VAPIT will consist of representatives of the District Attorney General, local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Adult Protective Services, and any other entity which the District Attorney General determines necessary.

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Each VAPIT is to meet quarterly to conduct coordinated responses and investigations of instances of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults. Requires, by December 1 of each year, each District Attorney General to file a report with the Chairs of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the Criminal Justice Committee of the House of Representatives that summarizes the work of the VAPIT for the previous calendar year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the District Attorneys General Conference, the total recurring increase in state expenditures for travel and operational expenses is estimated to be \$6,500 (\$6,200 travel + \$100 printing + \$200 supplies) annually.
- Based on information provided by the DHS, any fiscal impact on the delivery of program services will be not significant.
- Other entities participating in the APIT will be responsible for the costs they incur while participating in the quarterly meetings.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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